



## COVENTRY COMMUNITY UPDATE:

**August 2019**

...a periodic update of news and events around town.

### MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO:

You blink and summer is half over. Make the most of what August offers. Attend the Farmers' Market, go to Arts on Main on August 24<sup>th</sup>, walk, run, rent a kayak or a canoe from Recreation. Take time to walk a trail (see Town Trail [maps](#)).

Please also be patient and aware of our major road work. Lewis Hill Road and Daly Road will be under construction in late July and early August. Expect delays and short-term closures. Lewis Hill (and lower Eastview Drive) are getting cold-in-place recycled and a little over a week later will be paved with a finish course chip seal treatment. Daly Road is scheduled for a rubberized chip seal treatment and may take only one day. Both areas will have updated safety signage after construction.

The Jones Crossing Road culvert is due to arrive in late August and that project is still on track for an October re-opening. Swamp Road will be closed to through traffic for about three weeks to speed up a water main replacement project. Look for detour signage, and get automatic alert notices of road closures through the [Notify Me](#) feature on the Town website.

We have hired CDM as the engineer for the Swamp Road/Rt. 44 intersection project and a preliminary design meeting will be scheduled for late August/early September with hopes of being in construction next summer. At this point Cumberland Farms is planning to start construction in September.

A reminder that August is the last time mattresses will be picked up in the Monday bulk waste collection at curbside. Instead, they will need to be delivered to the Transfer Station for free disposal. Learn more about mattress recycling at this [link](#).

The scale at the Transfer Station has failed and will be replaced by September. In the interim, disposal pricing will be by a volume measure. We are using the same fee schedule as the Town of Mansfield until the new scale is operational. The fee schedule can be viewed at this [link](#). Sorry for the inconvenience.

Coventry Lake was treated for Hydrilla on July 25<sup>th</sup> and that process went well. Thank you for your cooperation with the one-day swimming ban to allow the applicators to do their work. A second treatment date is to be determined and will be announced in advance. The treatment for Fanwort in Eagleville Lake, also scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, was not done due to permit approval delays at the State. Fortunately, this treatment is not as time-sensitive. A new date will be announced.

### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS:

- Mon, 8/5: Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/12: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/8: WPCA: 6 PM, DPW Conf. Room
- Mon, 8/19: Town Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Mon, 8/26: Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Weds, 8/28: Inland Wetlands Agency, 7:00 PM, Town Hall Annex
- Thurs, 8/29: Board of Education, 7:30 PM, School Admin. Building

For a complete monthly calendar of other Board & Commission events, click [here](#).

### COMING EVENTS:

Fri 8/2: **Bingo**, 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. Sponsored by the Coventry-Mansfield American Legion. Bingo, snacks, and fun for everyone. 50 cents per person includes your first surprise Bingo card. Doors open at 5:30 PM. First and third Fridays of the month. Information: 860-541-1840.

Sat 8/3: **Pete Palmer Memorial 5K**, 9 AM start, Coventry High School. Parking at St. Mary's Church, 1600 Main Street. Remember a friend and make a difference. Race distance: 3.1 miles/2-hour time limit. 100% of profits will go to the Brain Injury Alliance. Walkers welcome. Please no pets. Strollers ok but please stay to the right. Cost: \$30. [Registration](#).

Sun 8/4: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16<sup>th</sup> season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Youth Market. [Website](#).

Weds 8/7: **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

Sun 8/11: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16<sup>th</sup> season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: CFM Corn Roast. [Website](#).

Weds 8/14: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Choice of deli sandwich, chips, potato salad and dessert. \$5.50. RSVP up by 8/8. Info: 860-742-3525.

Sun 8/18: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16<sup>th</sup> season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garlic Fest. [Website](#).

Sun 8/18: **Coventry Lake Waterski Club's Annual Ski Show**, 1-3 PM, Patriots Park Beach, 124 Main Street. Come watch these talented athletes perform a variety of tricks and pyramid formations. Rain date 8/25. [Website](#).

Weds 8/21: **Mobile Foodshare**, 10-10:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1171 Main Street. An outdoor food distribution service for persons of low income. Please bring your own grocery bag. Text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations directly on your phone. More [info](#).

Sat 8/24: **Tag and Bake Sale**, 8 AM – 1 PM, St. Mary Church, 1600 Main Street. Lots of great bargains and plenty of tasty treats to take home. Rain or shine. Please NO early birds. Info: Barb Koepke, 860-742-0692; Janice Sentivany, 860-742-6355.

Sat 8/24: **Arts on Main**, 11 AM – 3 PM, Historic Coventry Village. A FREE event with continuous live music, food court, arts and crafts vendors, kid's activities and performance stage, sidewalk chalk contest, LEGO brick building, face painting, tour of the David Hayes Homestead sculptures, Coventry Arts Guild exhibition, classic cars, kindness rock painting, temporary tattoos and tattoo art showcase, business passport to win awesome prizes and more! Hosted by the Town of Coventry, Coventry Village Partners and the Coventry Arts Guild. Visit the Arts on

Main [Facebook page](#) for more information and event updates or contact Eric Trott, 860-742-4062/email [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org).

Sat 8/24: **BBQ at Arts on Main**, 11 AM – 3 PM, First Church, 1171 Main Street. \$10 per plate. Choice of pulled pork, BBQ chicken, hamburgers or hot dogs. Served with coleslaw and mac & cheese. Ala carte also available.

Sun 8/25: **Coventry Farmers' Market**, 11 AM – 2 PM, Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street. The 16<sup>th</sup> season of Connecticut's favorite market. Today's theme: Heirloom Vegetables. [Website](#).

Weds 8/28: **Senior Lunch Program**, 12 PM, Coventry Senior Center, 172 Lake Street. Labor Day BBQ, FREE. RSVP up by 8/26; sign up to bring a dish. Info: 860-742-3525.

**SUMMER AT THE SENIOR CENTER** – call 860-742-3525 for information:

- **The Pickle Ball Court** is now open and reserved for the summer months, every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30-11 AM. Stop in to the Senior Center Office to pick up the net and rackets.
- **Parking passes are NOT required** for access to the Senior Center. Seniors shall receive a free hanging parking pass for access to Patriots Park & Lisicke Beach parking at no charge for weekdays (M-F) only.

**BEACH SEASON DURING AUGUST:** Although it seems early to begin thinking about the end of summer, when our lifeguards begin to return to college in mid-August, it affects our ability to staff the beaches. Keep an eye on the Parks & Recreation [Facebook page](#) for announcement of any schedule adjustments. Resident beach parking stickers are still available through the Parks & Recreation Department, and will be half-price effective 8/1/19.

**NEWS FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:**

- **RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM IS OPEN FROM APRIL 1-OCTOBER 1, 2019 OFFERED FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED RENTERS:** Connecticut's Elderly Renters' Rebate Program provides direct, partial reimbursement to lower income elderly or disabled renters to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses. The program, administered by Office of Policy and Management, provides for payments ranging from \$50-\$900 to qualified married persons and \$50-\$700 to qualifying single persons. The rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies. In order to qualify, married persons must have an annual income not greater than \$43,900 and single persons must have an annual income not greater than \$36,000. Eligible person may apply between April 1<sup>ST</sup> and October 1<sup>ST</sup> each year and should contact the Coventry Human Services Office (860-742-5324) for questions and to schedule an appointment.
- **FOOD BANK NEEDS:** The Coventry Human Service Food Bank shelves are in need of restocking for the summer months. We are in need of the following non-perishable and personal hygiene items: canned fruit, kid snacks/crackers, juice, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, canned chicken, coffee, condiments, salad dressing, Beefaroni, applesauce, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, razors, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and shampoo/conditioner
- **BACK TO SCHOOL, GEARING UP TO LEARN:** Gearing Up to Learn will be held on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Backpacks and school supplies are available for Coventry families who meet income guidelines. Donations of backpacks,

lunchboxes, binders, loose leaf paper, folders, pencils, pens, crayons etc. are graciously accepted and may be dropped off at Coventry Human Services during normal business hours. If you're interested in participating in the program, please speak to Sneha L'Heureux at Coventry Human Services, 860.742.5324. **No walk-ins will be accepted. By appointment only.**

- **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT:** Coventry Human Services has partnered with the Police Department to have a Prescription Drug Take Back Day from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to collect 100 lbs. of prescription in 10 days. See [flyer](#) for more details.

#### **RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING CRUMBLING CONCRETE**

**FOUNDATIONS:** Funds are available for reimbursement of testing expenses for households that may be affected by crumbling concrete foundations. More information about the crumbling concrete issue, including a link to financial assistance for repairs, can be found in the [Spotlight](#) column on the home page of the Town website.

*To list your event in this bulletin, contact Laura Stone at [LStone@coventryct.org](mailto:LStone@coventryct.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.*